

# Bi-centennial Calendar of Derry

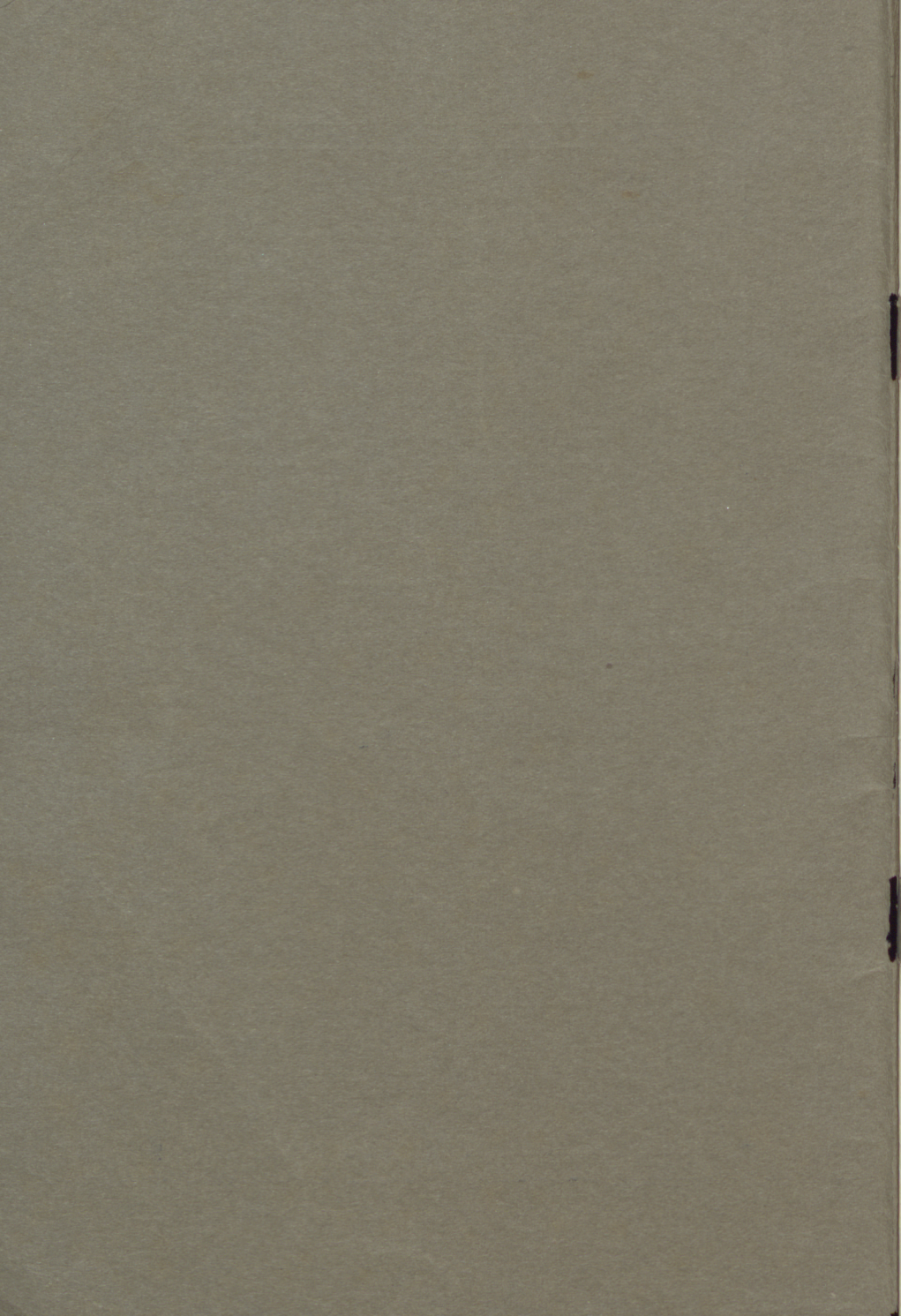
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A chronological index to six hundred  
events in the history of Nutfield

down to the time of the several divisions  
of territory, to and including the town  
of Derry, incorporated July 2nd, 1827



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*The items in black type (including the days of the week)  
are for the year 1919 unless otherwise noted.*

*Other items are for the year indicated and day of the  
month under which they appear.*

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**1—Wednesday—New Year's Day**

- 1752—Beginning the Gregorian (New Style) calendar.
- 1801—Beginning the 19th Century.
- 1871—Brickett house burned, site of Association building, Derry Village.
- 1901—Beginning the 20th Century.

**2—Thursday**

- 1885—Knights of Labor organized.

**3—Friday**

- 1895—Law and Order League formed.
- 1896—Davis hosiery burned, East Derry.

**4—Saturday**

- 1902—At a special town meeting a motion to reconsider the location of the Adams Memorial Building on the White lot was lost, 56 votes to 47.

**5—Sunday**

- 1776—(State.) First constitution of New Hampshire adopted.
- 1897—Court Nutfield, Foresters of America, instituted.

**6—Monday**

- 1728-9—Committee chosen to appraise the seats in the first meeting house. They were valued from 10 shillings to 30 shillings a year, according to convenience.
- 1897—Derryfield shoe factory, occupied by H. L. Harris, burned.

**7—Tuesday**

- 1907—Court Laurier (Cath.) Foresters of America instituted.
- 1907—Town voted to take the water works.

**8—Wednesday**

1894—At a special school meeting a resolution to borrow \$5000 to build and complete the East Side schoolhouse was lost.

**9—Thursday**

1719-20—Record of Wheelwright's deed of Nutfield by John Goffe, the first town clerk of Londonderry.

**10—Friday****11—Saturday**

1719-20—First general town meeting. Business: To provide for disposition of lots not settled for at appointed time.

1720-21—The town voted to build a meeting house.

1760—Fisheries at Amoskeag regulated by provincial government.

**12—Sunday**

1730—Ann Archibald land grant (near Butterfield Rock, Windham.)

**13—Monday**

1720-1—First recorded death in Nutfield—John Clark.

1914—Adams Memorial Building burned.

**14—Tuesday**

1728-9—First auditor's report recorded. James MacGregor, Examiner; John MacMurphy, town clerk.

**15—Wednesday**

1721-2—Disputed land in "Haveril" territory awarded to "old Mr. Moreson."

1814—Pinkerton Academy incorporated; approved by Gov. I. T. Gilmore.

**16—Thursday****17—Friday**

1886—Earthquake.

1901—Pride of Court Nutfield, C. of the F. of A., instituted.

**18—Saturday**

1730-31—Amoskeag (fisheries) litigation left to discretion of selectmen.

**19—Sunday**

1719-20—Voted that James Gregg should have a gristmill lot on the south side of Beaver river. The mill site was near the gristmill recently operated by Lando B. Hardy, Derry Village.

1810—Cold Friday.



**20—Monday**

- 1723-4—Londonderry voted to build a schoolhouse.  
1723-4—Voted the town shall bear the expense of building highway fences.

**21—Tuesday**

- 1906—Thermometer at 80. No snow.  
1907—Re-dedication of the Baptist church, Derry.

**22—Wednesday**

- 1721-2—Steps taken to collect from delinquents on minister's salary by warrant and constabular authority.  
1906—Summer temperature.  
1913—Millard Miltimore buildings burned; nearly 200 years old.  
1918—Leatherboard mill burned, Derry, site of Horne's sawmill.

**23—Thursday**

- 1903—Stevens blacksmith shop burned.

**24—Friday**

- 1734-5—First bequest on record for Londonderry meeting house, £28 by Archibald MacPheadris, Esq., of Portsmouth.  
1909—Snow and sleet with thunder and lightning.

**25—Saturday**

- 1735—Rev. Matthew Clark, the second minister, died.

**26—Sunday**

- 1882—A list of estates, prepared on this date for publication, gives the names of 27 persons and companies paying over \$50 tax, one only of whom paid over \$100.

**27—Monday**

- 1910—Abbott block fire.

**28—Tuesday**

- 1730-1—Voted that the salaries of constables shall be uniform.

**29—Wednesday**

- 1914—Dedication of Knights of Pythias hall.

**30—Thursday****31—Friday**

- 1912—Independent Order of Foresters instituted.



The road along this shore of Beaver Lake was called Ann street because at one time it is said that a member of every family on the street was given that name.



**1—Saturday**

1898—Heavy storm of snow. Abbott block (tenement house) burned.

1911—Currier House, old bank building, gutted by fire.

**2—Sunday—Ground Hog Day**

1881—"Sam" said 'the snowdrifts were so high on the Depot road that he could look down into the top of Hood's chimney.' "The Derry News.

**3—Monday**

1898—Mercury 30 degrees below.

1911—Observance, at Pinkerton Academy, of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Horace Greeley.

**4—Tuesday**

1907—Deeds passed for municipal ownership of Derry Water Works.

**5—Wednesday**

1907—Supreme court decision in favor of Derry and Goff's Falls Street Railway.

1908—First district nurse, Miss Agnes G. Hubbard, began work under auspices of the Derry Woman's Club.

**6—Thursday**

1908—George I. Bartlett house burned.

**7—Friday**

1760—Petition for a bridge over Beaver brook near Benjamin Wilson's mill (now Kendall's mills).

**8—Saturday**

1879—"Male and female servants were expunged" from tax list; slavery ceased in New Hampshire (state law). See Sept. 5 and Oct. 31.

1907—Survey began for Derry and Goff's Falls Street Railway.

**9—Sunday**

1885—Derry Co-op. Shoe Factory Ass'n formed.

**10—Monday**

1741—Appeal to general court for a law to dispose of lands of delinquent proprietors sufficient to equalize proprietary rights.

**11—Tuesday**

1891—Trial of the lighting system of the Derry Electric Light Co.

1909—Lincoln centenary observance at Pinkerton Academy.

**12—Wednesday—Lincoln's Birthday (b. 1809)**

1742 O. S.—Incorporation of the town of Windham.

1889—St. Luke's M. E. Society formed. Rev. William Ramsden, first minister.

**13—Thursday**

1720—First road in Nutfield laid out. (Derry Village to East Derry.)

1900—Flood and washout at Derry Village.

**14—Friday**

1909—Lincoln memorial centenary.

**15—Saturday—End of present fiscal year of the town**

1791—Rev. William Davidson, 50 years pastor of East church, died.

**16—Sunday**

1748-9—(Warrant): To see if the town will vote to impose a fine on persons who fail to make return of the names of the "borders or trangent persons" they may entertain, they being thought guilty of damage to the town.

**17—Monday**

1761—Petition for road "between John Anderson's stone house to the old meeting house."

**18—Tuesday**

1724-5—Road in the Three-quarter-mile Range (1919, by the E. L. Jones place to Adams mill) laid out.

**19—Wednesday**

1837—Date of town warrant first to be published in the town report.

**20—Thursday****21—Friday**

1819—Gen. George Thom born.

**22—Saturday—Washington's Birthday.**

1901—Hammonasset Tribe, No. 34, Order of Red Men, instituted.

**23—Sunday**

1878—Opening of Taylor Library.

1889—Contract signed for the soldiers' monument.



**24—Monday**

- 1904—Abbott Davis & Co. paint shop burned.  
1900—Warrant Article No. 14, to establish curfew law for children under 16.

**25—Tuesday**

- 1740—East and West Parishes established by Act of Legislature.  
1740—Beginning the West Parish Presbyterian Society, Rev. David MacGregor, son of Rev. James MacGregor, first minister. Place of worship at that time was in Aiken's Range, west of (1919) Pinkerton Academy, and at the Hill meeting house one mile west of Aiken Range. A new building was begun in 1796 near (1919) F. A. Hardy residence, and was removed later to the center of the parish for a town hall. The present building was completed in 1837.  
1897—Date of School warrant first to be published in the town report.

**26—Wednesday**

- 1889—Sisterhood Branch, Order Iron Hall, instituted.

**27—Thursday**

- 1724-5—Road by (1919) E. L. Jones place recorded.

**28—Friday—End of the fur season.**

- 1908—Annual meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Trade.



Westrunning Brook. near the "common" field where the first Irish potatoes were raised in this country.



JENNY DICKEY BROOK



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**1—Saturday**

1887—Vital statistics first printed in the town reports.

1896—Flood.

1915—Derry Building and Loan Association organized.

**2—Sunday**

1877—A minority report of the fifth special committee meeting concerning the adoption of the present town district school system gives this resolution: "That the district system" (the separate district) "is cumbersome and unwieldly, and a clog to the educational progress of the town, and ought to be abolished at once."

**3—Monday**

1877—School committee report urges an amicable settlement of the school district question mentioned in the preceding date.

**4—Tuesday**

1752—Alexander Wilson died in the South Range. He served at the defence of Londonderry, Ireland, in 1688-89, and emigrated to Londonderry soon after the settlement in 1719.

**5—Wednesday**

1722—Voted to build a pound.

1722-3—Voted to give the selectmen power to secure the fisheries at "Ameskeeg."

1723-4—An act or by-law made by the selectmen and others for the protection of timber on the common lands to the restricted use for benefit within the town.

1724—Voted to build a bridge at lower end of Beaver pond. The first bridge. Built by Robert Boyes.

1727-8—First sealer of weights and measures appointed.—James Alexander.

1729-30—First public temperance movement. "Voted, that all tipling houses that are or may arise in this town are Discharged and forbidden under penalty of being prosecuted as the Law directs."

*March 5—Continued.*

- 1729—Death of Rev. James MacGregor, the first minister.
- 1734-5—Voted to have a grammar school.
- 1742-3—First game wardens appointed. "Voted, that Jon. Humphrey and Thos. McCleary shall take care of the Deear that they be not killed out of season as the Law Directs in that case made and provided."
- 1915—Voted to build a schoolhouse at Derry—the Floyd school.

**6—Thursday**

- 1778—Southwest territory set off, forming Nottingham West, now Hudson.
- 1910—Committee appointed to select a site for a high school.
- 1917—Roads from West Hampstead depot to Derry line and from the Col. Lane farm to the Mary Pillsbury place discontinued.

**7—Friday**

- 1736-7—A meeting was called for the election of a representative to the General Court, but there is no record of such meeting.

**8—Saturday**

- 1905—Nutfield Savings Bank chartered.
- 1910—First town election by Australian ballot, and first election held at Adams Memorial building.

**9—Sunday**

- 1875—Voted to build a town house at East Derry.
- 1885—Woman's Christian Temperance Union organized.
- 1886—Highway district system abolished.
- 1909—Australian ballot adopted. Polling place changed to West Derry, now Derry.

**10—Monday**

- 1884—Samuel Clark, great grandson of Robert Clark, one of the first settlers of the English Range, died.

**11—Tuesday**

- 1886—Town district school system adopted.
- 1888—Severe snow storm; all traffic stalled; mercury dropped 60 degrees in twenty-four hours, reaching 30 below.
- 1919—Town voted \$500 to enlarge rooms of Taylor Library, and \$15,000 to repair East Broadway.



**12—Wednesday**

1890—Water works and concrete walks voted for at an adjourned town meeting.

1895—Present police court established.

**13—Thursday**

1701—(Pre-settlement). Deed of Nutfield by John (Indian) for £5 to Newbury or Salem parties.

**14—Friday**

1905—Voted to furnish public reading rooms in Adams Memorial building. Voted to publish the records of old Londonderry beginning with the settlement in Nutfield.

**15—Saturday**

1884—Independent School District No. 2 adopts board of education.

1697—(Pre-settlement). Hannah Dustin's first night in captivity after the Haverhill massacre by Indians, on this date, was spent in the territory now Derry, a few rods from the scene of the first sermon in Nutfield, near Beaver Lake.

1910—Madden's ice house burned.

**16—Sunday**

1907—Charles Huse stable burned.

1908—Cummings True place, built in 1787 by Amos Jenness, burned.

**17—Monday—St. Patrick's Day**

1900—The Town school district voted to insure the school buildings and to educate pupils above the grammar grade at Pinkerton Academy.

1915—Woodbury Shoe factory burned; owned by Citizens Building Association and occupied by the Woodbury Shoe Co. of Beverly, Mass.

**18—Tuesday**

1889—Honesty Lodge, No. 79, N. E. O. P., instituted.

1899—School District No. 2 vote to build a new school-house.

1905—Vote to employ supervisory district school superintendent. H. L. Grinnell, first.

**19—Wednesday**

1902—Norton block burned.

**20—Thursday**

1909—Formal naming of Pillsbury Camp Sons of Veterans.

**21—Friday—First Day of Spring.**

1827—Last town meeting before the division of territory forming the towns of Londonderry and Derry.

1913—Earliest time on record of ice going out of Beaver lake.

**22—Saturday**

1907—Numerous freaks by lightning.

**23—Sunday**

1720-1—Mill site on Aiken brook granted William Aiken and others. Site of Horne's mill, Electric Light Station, Leatherboard factory burned.

1721—Forty acres, covering nearly all the area of the present Derry Village, recorded to James Gregg as a recognition for public services.

**24—Monday**

1902—Knights of Malta instituted.

1910—Fire at ice houses of H. P. Hood & Sons.

**25—Tuesday**

1721—First assessment of property voted.

**26—Wednesday**

1722—First board of highway surveyors appointed—Benjamin Wilson, Alexander Nicols, James Clark, Samuel Graves, John McNeel.

**27—Thursday****28—Friday**

1891—Derry Electric Light Co. organized.

**29—Saturday**

1889—Fire at Bell's opera house.

1901—Fire Precinct at West Derry voted to install an efficient fire signal system.

1913—White Shrine of Jerusalem instituted.

**30—Sunday****31—Monday**

1720—Birth of first female child, Martha Allison, born in Old Londonderry, Nutfield.

1907—Beginning services in new building of the Church of the Transfiguration, Episcopal.

1918—Daylight saving bill in effect.



1791

# April

1919

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School sessions began this month in 1824 at Adams Female Academy under the management of Miss Z. P. Grant.

1—**Tuesday—All Fools' Day**—Trout fishing season begins.

1719—Beginning the "Hog Reeve Law." Prov.

1776—Until this date the words "Province of New Hampshire" were used on the warrants for town meetings.

1907—Beginning the first fishing season—license required.

2—**Wednesday**

1719—(Pre-settlement). Arrival of settlers from Haverhill.

3—**Thursday**

4—**Friday**

1738—Voted to have one public school master for the ensuing year, and to divide time allowed for teaching between the different localities.

5—**Saturday**

1893—Derry Board of Health organized.

6—**Sunday**

7—**Monday**

1728—Date of the warrant for choosing the first representative to General Assembly.

1756—An appeal to the General Court to expel tramps from the town.

1917—Seth Bruce place burned.

8—**Tuesday**

1722—Second death in Nutfield—Mary Leslie.

9—**Wednesday**

1816—Rates of Postage Act of Congress—Single letters not exceeding 30 miles, 6 c.; to 400 miles, 25 c. Double letters, or two sheets of paper, double the charge. In effect May 1, 1816.

10—**Thursday**

1719—Beginning the settlement of Nutfield.

**11—Friday**

- 1719—O. S.—Meeting of Rev. James MacGregor and the settlers at Horse Hill. (Northern end of the John Gregg lot in the Double Range, and later known as the James Batchelder place,

**12—Saturday**

- 1719—O. S.—Date of the first sermon in Nutfield, by Rev. James MacGregor.  
1776—Order served to the selectmen by the Committee of Safety to secure signatures for the defence of the Colonies.  
1793—Petition for the division of the East and West parishes.  
1889—Derry Village Improvement Society formed.

**13—Palm Sunday**

- 1723—Committee appointed to lay out the wants of homesteads and town amendments (lots).

**14—Monday**

- 1735—Motion to build a pound.

**15—Tuesday—New England Telephone Strike.**

- 1720 Election of the first representatives to the General Court at "Strawberry Bank" (Portsmouth)—James MacGregor, James MacKeen, and Samuel Graves.

**16—Wednesday**

- 1745—First Presbytery formed,—by James Morehead of Boston, James MacGregor of Londonderry, and Robert Abercrombie of Windham.  
1911—Postoffice closed Sundays by order of the government on petition, and Street collections cancelled.

**17—Thursday**

- 1879—Echo Lodge No. 61, I. O. O. F., instituted.  
1889—St. Lukes M. E. Church dedicated.  
1889—Sons of Veterans organized.

**18—Friday**

- 1721—Petition to General Court for bills of credit.  
1911—John Hemphill place, owned and occupied by James H. Baker, burned. Built about 1760.

**19—Saturday**

- 1737—Proposals for peace over the controversy of the division of the town.  
1783—Revolutionary armistice.



**20—Easter Sunday**

1874—James C. Taylor place burned by lightning.  
Birthplace of Samuel Taylor, LL. D., 32  
years principal of Andover Academy, Mass.

**21—Monday**—Postponement of action to make one town  
fire precinct.

1909—Norton farm buildings burned; Birch street.

**22—Tuesday**

1725—Voted to have a school in each quarter section of  
the town.

1731—First highway district system established.  
Voted to divide the town into quarter sections  
for highway surveying and repairs on roads  
and bridges.

**23—Wednesday**

1775—Voted to give Revolutionary soldiers \$7.00 a  
month.

1778—West parish voted to appeal to Legislature to  
constrain inhabitants to vote and pay ministerial  
tax in their respective parishes.

**24—Thursday—Fast Day**

1892—Henry Hill farm buildings burned.

**25—Friday**

1897—Forest fire.

**26—Saturday—Arbor Day**

1894—Celebration of the 75th anniversary of Odd  
Fellowship in America, by Echo Lodge and  
Mizpah Rebekah lodge.

**27—Sunday**

1896—Beginning the construction of the Chester &  
Derry Electric R. R.

1901—Final vote to build a brick schoolhouse in Dis-  
trict No. 2; the one now standing.

1907—Fire at District No. 2 schoolhouse.

**28—Monday**

1758—First instance recorded of drawing the names of  
Jurymen from a box. James Ramsey was the  
first name.

**29—Tuesday**

1720—First justice (James MacKeen) appointed.

1775—Committee appointed to look into the conduct of  
disloyal citizens.

**30—Wednesday**



This cairn marks the place where the first sermon in Nutfield was delivered by Rev. James MacGregor, April 12, 1719. Near by, Hannah Dustin spent her first night in captivity, March 15, 1697.



1719

# May

1919

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- 1—**Thursday**  
1727—Voted to build a log building near the meeting-house for a school building.  
1861—First men mustered in Civil war; Derry—Melvin Chase, Frank A. Flint; Londonderry—David Coffin, Wesley B. Knight, Joseph C. Abbott, Haskell P. Coffin.  
1917—Greenough block (stores of C. H. Clement and Moody-George Co.) burned.
- 2—**Friday**  
1887—G. C. Bartlett stable, Derry Village, burned.  
1911—Forest fire.
- 3—**Saturday**  
1861—Second muster of men to Civil war.
- 4—**Sunday**  
1883—Derry Rifle Club (1st) formed.  
1907—Elms hotel burned; once the dormitory for the Adams Female Academy.
- 5—**Monday—Victory Loan Parade.**  
1886—Coburns mill burned.
- 6—**Tuesday**  
1738—(Advertisement)—“Taken up by John Senter of Londonderry, an old brown meer, branded on the near sholder with the figer of four, also branded on the off battoke with the letters E. S.”
- 7—**Wednesday**  
1731—House of Representatives provides for seal and scales for protection against fraud for Londonderry linen. (See Sept. 28, 1748).  
1911—Forest fires endanger village at West Derry.
- 8—**Thursday**  
1799—Gov. Samuel Dinsmore born. Windham.
- 9—**Friday**  
1884—Geo. E. Upton Womans Relief Corps organized.  
1917—First volunteers, 27 men, to join the allied forces against Germany.
- 10—**Saturday**  
1727—Londonderry assessed 40£ Provincial tax.  
1882—First church building meeting of the Baptist society.

**11—Sunday—Mothers' Day**

1907—Petition of Manchester & Derry Street railway granted by Derry.

**12—Monday**

1911—Sinclair place burned by forest fire.

**13—Tuesday**

1868—Beginning the two weeks storm.

1911—Forest fire burns 350 m. sawed lumber on the Palmer lot.

**14—Wednesday**

1884—Dedication of the Baptist church.

**15—Thursday**

1733—James Wilson, grandson of emigrant Alexander Wilson, died. His son James, of Bradford, Vt., was the maker of the first pair of terrestrial and celestial globes ever made in America.

**16—Friday**

1728—Petition preferred by David Cargill for a joint committee with Chester to settle the Kingstown boundary dispute.

1746—Enlistment of scouting party in His Majesty's service under Capt. Samuel Barr.

**17—Saturday**

1629—(Pre-settlement). Col. Wheelwright grant.

1810—Disastrous frost.

1901—Association Canado-Americane Court Montcalm organized.

**18—Sunday—Beginning the Methodist Centenary Drive**

1721—First marriage in Nutfield—John Walis (Wallace) and Annis (Annas) Barnett.

1903—Warren Morrill house burned.

**19—Monday**

1780—The dark day. Artificial lights necessary for work or reading. Work in the fields suspended.

1798—Public fair day voted.

**20—Tuesday**

1778—Petition of West Parish to General Court, requiring each tax payer to vote and pay taxes in the parish in which he dwells.

1918—District No. 4 schoolhouse burned. Rebuilt.



**21—Wednesday**

1725—House of Representatives demand a representative from Londonderry and a list of ratable estates. James MacKeen was the first representative appointed.

**22—Thursday**

1884—Geo. E. Upton W. R. C. instituted.

**23—Friday**

1863—Caswell's Hotel, site of Hildreth Hall, Derry Village, burned.

1890—Rathbone Division Uniform Rank K. of P. instituted.

1901—Formal opening of the first railroad pavilion at Beaver lake.

**24—Saturday**

1721—Prudential committee appoints a committee of three to appraise certain complained of lots of land in Nutfield.

1901—Opening of the first railroad pavilion at Beaver lake.

**25—Sunday**

1919—On this date and the two preceding days the Rockingham County Y. M. C. A. held its 6th Annual Convention.

**26—Monday****27—Tuesday**

1885—First volunteer fire company at Derry Depot (now Derry) formed.

1905—First session of the present police court, Judge W. W. Poor presiding.

**28—Wednesday**

1730—Benjamin Wilson granted a gristmill privilege on Beaver brook. Site of "lower" bridge. Later, Gosse, Moore, Kendall mills.

**29—Thursday**

1783—Voted: "To instruct representatives to General Court that refugees (Revolutionary) have no liberty to come back to this State."

**30—Friday—Memorial Day****31—Saturday**

1722—Committee chosen to lay out the second division of land.



### THE ELMS HOTEL

Burned May 4, 1907. This building was formerly the  
Adams Female Academy dormitory.



1719

## June

1919

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- 1—**Sunday**  
1720—First town treasurer, David Cargill, elected.  
1723—Double Range road south of West Running brook laid out.
- 2—**Monday**  
1737—Beginning the district school committee system.  
Vote: each quarter school section given power to appoint local committee.
- 3—**Tuesday**  
1720—First vote to build a house of worship. The second meeting house was built in 1769.
- 4—**Wednesday**  
1907—Granite Degree of Honor, No. 1, A. O. U. W., instituted.
- 5—**Thursday**  
1861—Gov. Charles M. Floyd born.
- 6—**Friday**  
1888—Nesmith bequest by will placed at interest for 150 years for the founding of a college.
- 7—**Saturday**  
1733—Proprietors of the first meetinghouse given power to lay out a ministerial lot in southern part of the town.
- 8—**Sunday**  
1810—Third society, Congregational, and the First church adopt joint articles of faith.  
1816—Snow storm.
- 9—**Monday**  
1775—Last Provincial tax in the name of the king.
- 10—**Tuesday**  
1869—Celebration of the 150th anniversary of old Nutfield.  
1907—Special town meeting to straighten West Broadway.
- 11—**Wednesday**  
1816—Great damage to crop by frost. This summer was the coldest on record.

**12—Thursday**

1804—Act of Legislature empowering a private corporation to build the Londonderry turnpike from Concord to Andover as a toll road. Petitioners: John Prentice, John Dinsmore, John Montgomery, William A. Kent, James Pinkerton.

**13—Friday****14—Saturday**

A. L. 5826—St. Mark's Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M. chartered.

1883—Abel F. Hildreth house moved from the site of Pinkerton Academy campus immediate grounds to the corner of Nesmith & Main streets. Mr. Hildreth was principal of the academy from 1819 to 1846.

1916—Dedication of the new pavilion at Beaver lake.

**15—Sunday**

1760—Petition for road between David Cochran's and Hugh Ramsey's.

**16—Monday**

1806—Only total eclipse of the sun in the 19th century.

1919—Lester W. Chase Post, American Legion, organized. Officially named on June 20.

**17—Tuesday—Lexington Day**

1719—Samuel Graves, Robert Boyes, Joseph Simonds and James Gregg were obligated to build a sawmill on Beaver river. Their privilege extended from the present site of Derry Village to the upper end of Beaver pond. The sawmill was built near the site of the (1919) Benjamin Chase Co. mill. James Gregg was privileged at the same time to build a gristmill on the south side of Beaver river. This was near the site of the gristmill of the late (1919) Lando B. Hardy.

**18—Wednesday**

1883—Benjamin Chase shop, mfg. tree labels and plant stakes, burned. (First fire). Shop was on site of the Smith hat factory and was a part of the Underhill axe factory.

**19—Thursday**

1730—Road in Londonderry running east to meet the Aiken Range road laid out.

**20—Friday**

1888—Mystic Encampment, No. 30, I. O. O. F., instituted.



- 21—Saturday—First Day of Summer.  
1722—Date of the charter of Londonderry.  
1825—General Lafayette's visit to the Adams Female Academy.
- 22—Sunday  
1816—Ice formed.  
1894—Opening of Hotel Batchelder, Wm. F. Batchelder, prop. Place is now known as Beaver Lake House, James Davis, prop.
- 23—Monday  
1743—Boundary-Province tax dispute settlement with Methuen and Dracut, in House of Representatives.  
1900—Warren P. Horne saw mill and box factory burned; operated by Derry Syndicate Co. Site of William Aiken mill grant, Aiken's brook, 1720-1—(Second fire: see Sept. 13.)  
1916—Tuttle place, East Derry, burned.
- 24—Tuesday  
1776—Signatures to the Revolutionary "Association test" submitted by Public Safety committee.  
1803—Matthew Thornton, resident of Derry Village and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, died at Newburyport, Mass.
- 25—Wednesday  
1724—At a town meeting on this date the only action was to choose a moderator—John Blair.
- 26—Thursday  
1877—Chester & Derry Telephone Co., incorporated.
- 27—Friday  
1723—Concerning pay of public employes: Voted—that all persons "pressed upon the publick concerns" of the town by the constable shall receive two shillings and sixpence a day.  
1723—First church session.
- 28—Saturday—(International) Treaty of Versailles  
1909—Derry Realty association formed.
- 29—Sunday  
1720—Emigration troubles: Meeting called for July 25, 1720, protesting actions of Emigration Committee in regard to settlers on the "extra" proprietary lots in Nutfield. The "extra" lots were additional lands allowed the proprietors, and it was through the settlement of these lots that dissatisfaction arose.
- 30—Monday  
1746—Action in regard to enlistment for the Louisburg Expedition is deferred.

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- 1—Tuesday  
1819—"Toleration Act", separating church from state, passed by legislature.  
1873—Fiftieth anniversary of the Adams Female Academy.  
1890—Catholic parsonage burned.
- 2—Wednesday—(Assassination of President Garfield 1881).  
1827—Town of Derry incorporated.
- 3—Thursday  
1891—Lincoln Council No. 9, O. U. A. M., instituted.
- 4—Friday—Independence Day.  
1911—Temperature 106°.
- 5—Saturday  
1889—Niagara Engine Co., No. 3, (hand-tub) organized, Derry Village.
- 6—Sunday  
1827—Towns required by Act of Legislature to raise \$90 school money for each dollar of the proportion of State tax.
- 7—Monday
- 8—Tuesday  
1837—First meeting to form the Congregational church society.  
1900—Barn on the farm of Mark F. Hill burned by lightning.
- 9—Wednesday  
1896—Freight wreck.  
1904—Chester & Derry Telephone Co. re-organized as the Chester & Derry Telegraph and Telephone Co.  
1907—Cyclone damage to timber.
- 10—Thursday  
1899—Molly Reid Chapter, D. A. R., unveil tablet to Molly Woodburn Reid, wife of Gen. Reid, at the Woodburn homestead, High Range, Londonderry.  
1911—Joshua G. Hubbard house burned. (Second fire—see July 13).



**11—Friday**

1776—Capt. John Nesmith's company, Col. Matthew Thornton's regiment, mustered in for Canadian service.

**12—Saturday**

1831—Town settlement measures: Non-resident proprietors given 40 days in which to settle their lots on penalty of confiscation.

1864—Derry Bank chartered as a national bank. The first charter was received in 1828.

1883—Derry Archery Club formed.

**13—Sunday**

1825—Dr. Isaac Thom, first postmaster (1801) in Londonderry, died.

1889—Capt. Nat. Warren place, occupied by J. G. Hubbard, burned. (First fire—see July 10).

**14—Monday**

1850—Death of Rev. Edward L. Parker.

**15—Tuesday**

1730—Falls on "Cohasset" brook, with privilege, sold by Court to Patrick Douglass.

**16—Wednesday**

1904—Neoskaleta Council No. 18, Daughters of Pocahontas, instituted.

1917—First issue of the Daily Record, the first daily paper in Derry, published by O. H. A. Chamberlen.

**17—Thursday**

1883—Pillsbury Guards, Co. F, 1st Reg. N. H. N. G. organized.

**18—Friday**

1888—Lincoln Club formed.

1909—Herman L. Bartlett house burned.

1909—Amos G. Bodwell place, occupied by Robert H. Cameron, burned.

1919—George I. Choate house in English Range, burned.

**19—Saturday**

1779—Lieut. Col. Gregg of Derry mustered in Paul Thomson of Windham, that town giving him the highest bounty of any Continental soldier in the state: £90, ten bushels of rye and ten bushels of corn.—Morrison's History of Windham.

**20—Sunday**

1779—Resolutions adopted for restoring credit of continental currency.

**21—Monday****22—Tuesday**

1917—Fire, caused by lightning, destroys the barn on the Joseph Montgomery place and damages the house.

**23—Wednesday****24—Thursday****25—Friday—Beginning Dog Days.**

1720—Emigration committee given power to allot additional lands to the first 20 settlers in Nutfield.

**26—Saturday**

1905—Dedication of the Perkins & Hardy shoe factory, site of the New England Fibre mills.

**27—Sunday**

1880—Derry Commandery, No. 108, United Order of the Golden Cross instituted.

1887—Dedication of the new Pinkerton Academy building.

**28—Monday**

1775—First men (99) after "Lexington", under Capt. George Reid, ready to march to Medford.

**29—Tuesday**

1732—The old road now discontinued leading from near the pond bridge to the Daniel Shattuck place, known in recent years as "Green Lane", laid out.

1913—Draining water mark fixed at Beaver lake.

**30—Wednesday**

1746—Passing of the John Tufton Mason deed.

**31—Thursday**

1889—Hope Lodge, No. 63, Order of Aegis, instituted.



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- 1—**Friday**  
1907—Free delivery of mail established. Name of West Derry postoffice changed to Derry and Derry to Village Station.
- 2—**Saturday**  
1893—Coolidge farm buildings burned.  
1911—First branch in New Hampshire of the American Peace Society formed.  
1914—Catholic church burned.
- 3—**Sunday**  
1837—First Congregational church organized, Rev. Pliny B. Day, first pastor.  
1882—J. G. Goodwin stable burned.  
1897—Unveiling monument to General Stark.
- 4—**Monday**
- 5—**Tuesday**  
1740—Decree of the king fixing the position of the boundary between the provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire gives rise to much spirited litigation between Londonderry and other settlements.  
1904—Derry Athletic Association formed.
- 6—**Wednesday**  
1834—First M. E. church organized. First minister, Rev. Philo Bronson. House was built by Mr. Beede in 1836. Early services were held in the "Birch Schoolhouse".
- 7—**Thursday**  
1822—Will of Jacob Adams to found the Adams Female Academy.
- 8—**Friday**  
1885—Grant memorial service.
- 9—**Saturday**  
1819—Gen. Aaron Fletcher Stevens born at the place occupied in recent years by Joseph Klein.
- 10—**Sunday**  
1822—Jacob Adams, founder of Adams Female Academy, died.  
1905—Derry Public Library opened.  
1909—Hopkins Home for Aged Women founded by will of Lucretia A. Hopkins.



PINKERTON ACADEMY

Showing the old building in its original position.  
Removed August 25, 1885.



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- 11—**Monday**  
1881—Mizpah Rebekah lodge instituted.
- 12—**Tuesday**  
1751—Petition for land for the township of Derryfield submitted.
- 13—**Wednesday**  
1895—The Danforth house, known later as the Banister house near No. 2 schoolhouse, damaged by fire. The place is now owned by George S. Pettee.
- 14—**Thursday**  
1721—Common land east of Beaver pond laid out for a ministerial lot.
- 15—**Friday**  
1730—Col. John Bell, member of Provincial Congress, 1775, born.  
1894—Derry Cycle club organized.
- 16—**Saturday**  
1777—Capt. David McClary died at Battle of Bennington. He was the only man from Londonderry killed in action in the Revolutionary war.
- 17—**Sunday**  
1728—Warrant to see if a highway leading to Boston and Dracut shall be built before the lands are laid out.
- 18—**Monday**
- 19—**Tuesday**  
1882—Fire at Derry Depot destroyed thirteen buildings. In 1877 there were sixteen buildings in that village. The building era began soon after the fire.
- 20—**Wednesday**  
1888—Bell's opera house dedicated.
- 21—**Thursday**  
1882—First fire meeting forming permanent fire company
- 22—**Friday**  
1816—Snow in nearby localities.  
1895—First meeting of Pinkerton Academy Association.
- 23—**Saturday**  
1737—Provincial line conference committee chosen.

**24—Sunday—Bi-centennial Celebration.**

1730—Voted to give bonds for the minister's salary.  
Seven bondsmen required.

1891—Nine buildings including Pillsbury's kit factory,  
burned at Derry Depot.

1901—First old home day celebration.

**25—Monday—Bi-centennial celebration.**

1881—Garfield memorial service.

1885—Removal of the old Pinkerton Academy building  
preparatory to building the new one on the  
same site.

**26—Tuesday—Bi-centennial Celebration.****27—Wednesday**

1751—Prayer of the petitioners granted at the first  
action taken toward the settlement of Derry-  
field.

1918—Ending of the first season of the daylight saving  
bill.

**28—Thursday**

1728—Gen. Stark born.

1776—Beginning the use of the words "State of New  
Hampshire" on warrants and legal docu-  
ments, in the place of "Colony of New Hamp-  
shire," or earlier, "Province of New Hamp-  
shire."

1903—Kimball shoe store fire.

**29—Friday**

1893—Beginning a general survey for a system of  
sewers.

**30—Saturday**

1887—Order of Iron Hall organized.

**31—Sunday**

1909—Dedication of the tablet to Matthew Thornton  
by Molly Reid Chapter, D. A. R.



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- 1—**Monday—Labor Day**  
1918—Beginning the new fiscal school year (Leg. Act.)  
1824—Gen. Lafayette entertained by Gen. E. H. Derby,  
East Derry.
- 2—**Tuesday**  
1752 A. D.—Is said to be the longest day on record—  
“because the next day was the 14th of the  
same month.” By the adoption of the Gre-  
gorian (New Style) calendar eleven days were  
dropped from the month of September of that  
year beginning with the third day; hence, the  
enigma.
- 3—**Wednesday**  
1751—Derryfield, now Manchester, incorporated.  
1889—Order Brit-o-Mart instituted.
- 4—**Thursday**  
1775—First Presbyterian Synod.  
1879—Upton Post, G. A. R., chartered.
- 5—**Friday—Dog Days End**  
1792—Constitution of New Hampshire—Bill of rights:  
“All men born free,” virtually abolished slav-  
ery in New Hampshire. It was approved by  
the people and established in convention. (See  
Oct. 31 and Feb. 8).  
1915—Beginning three days’ centennial celebration of  
Pinkerton Academy.
- 6—**Saturday**  
1881—The yellow day.  
1910—First state primary election.
- 7—**Sunday**  
1911—First regular meeting and election of officers  
of the Derry Peace Society.
- 8—**Monday**  
1719—First birth in Nutfield—Jonathan Morrison;  
John and Margaret Morrison, parents.
- 9—**Tuesday**  
1821—Great damage by storm.
- 10—**Wednesday**  
1880—Welcome Lodge, No. 28, I. O. G. T., instituted.  
1884—Re-dedication of the First church, East Derry.  
1917—Opening of the Floyd school.

**11—Thursday**

1888—Seventy-ninth convocation of New Hampshire Congregational and Presbyterian ministers at East Derry.

1910—Melvin stable burned and house damaged. The house was built by Nathaniel Parker, brother of Rev. Edward L. Parker, soon after 1800. Mr. Parker conducted a tannery on the opposite side of the street. (North of this house was the little fire house of the first fire company on record in Derry village, Engine No. 1. The house was burned, but some of the equipment is in the possession of residents of the village.)

**12—Friday**

1866—Semi-centennial of Pinkerton Academy.

1896—First electric car from Derry to Chester.

**13—Saturday**

1881—Horne's sawmill and box factory burned. (First fire; see June 23.)

**14—Sunday**

1894—Moses A. Hunkins place burned.

**15—Monday**

1882—A. M. Chadbourn buildings burned. The third in the chapter of 1882 fires.

1915—Beaver Lake pavilion burned.

**16—Tuesday**

1911—John S. Burbank house, Franklin street, burned.

**17—Wednesday**

1725—Voted to build a bridge at lower end of Beaver pond. This was the first bridge, and was built by Robert Boyes.

1815—Death of Gen. George Reid.

**18—Thursday**

1744—Voted a "small gift" of one hundred weight of butter to "aspeciall friend" of the town.

1887—Extensive burglaries.

**19—Friday**

1732—Highway difficulties. Double value refused for land for a road five rods in length to David Cargill's mill. This was later the MacMurphy mill near the farm now owned by heirs of the late Robert Clarke, and which was originally the Samuel Houston property.

1907—Fire at the home farm house of H. P. Hood & Sons.

**20—Saturday**

1885—Nutfield skating rink burned.



- 21—**Sunday**—Fall begins  
1719—Petition for the incorporation of Londonderry.  
1891—Electric lights turned on.
- 22—**Monday**  
1729—Town agrees to settlement of Rev. Matthew Clark, the second minister.  
1755—Voted £30 old tenor, bounty for each enlisted man for the expedition to Crown Point.  
1896—Formal opening of Chester & Derry Street Railway.  
1913—Damren place burned by lightning.
- 23—**Tuesday**  
1719—Petition for Charter of Londonderry presented to General Court at Portsmouth.  
1815—Great damage by storm.  
1894—Stable at Stephen Smith place, Derry Village destroyed by fire and house damaged. Mr Smith, deceased, once conducted a hat business at the present site of the Benj. Chase Co. mills.  
The Stephen Smith house is now occupied by James M. Pollard.
- 24—**Wednesday**  
1719—Endorsement of the petition of incorporation of Londonderry.  
1915—Rockingham House, Island pond, burned.
- 25—**Thursday**  
1815—Hurricane bearing salt spray from the coast and causing much damage swept southern New Hampshire.
- 26—**Friday**  
1908—First regular meeting of the Jewish Synagogue.
- 27—**Saturday**  
1909—The Carleton house burned. This house was built in 1788 by David Carleton, and in recent years was known as the Morrill house. It was on the Simonds grant in the English Range. Another house now stands in its place.
- 28—**Sunday**  
1748—Protection of Linens. Voted to purchase seal and appoint sealers to protect from fraud the linen manufacturers. (Town document.) (See May 7, 1721, in House of Representatives.)
- 29—**Monday**  
1888—First firemen's muster.
- 30—**Tuesday**  
1897—Hubbard Forest fire.



SOLDIERS' MONUMENT  
Dedicated on October 1st, 1889



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**1—Wednesday—Hunting season begins**

- 1883—Letter postal rates reduced to two cents in effect.
- 1889—Dedication of the soldiers' monument at East Derry.
- 1890—Re-dedication of the Adams Female Academy to co-education.
- 1909—Beginning the first hunting season—resident license required.

**2—Thursday**

- 1804—Rules and regulations established governing the corporation of the Londonderry (section of the Boston and Concord) turnpike, completed in 1806.

**3—Friday**

- 1807—Samuel H. Taylor, LL. D., born. Forty years principal of Phillips Andover Academy.
- 1901—The 51st and last town fair held in Derry.

**4—Saturday**

- 1837—First pastor installed (Rev. Pliny B. Day) in the First Congregational Church, now the Central church, Derry Village.

**5—Sunday**

- 1727—Settlement. Meeting to regulate equivalent land difficulties.

**6—Monday**

- 1739—Voted to settle Rev. William Davidson as minister. Mr. Davidson continued in the service at the First Church 50 years.
- 1885—Indignation meeting against Knights of Labor.

**7—Tuesday**

- 1890—Rainsford Chapter, No. 3, O. E. S., instituted.

**8—Wednesday**

- 1891—Haverhill, Mass., and Manchester, N. H., fire companies hold muster with the local department.

**9—Thursday**

1888—Parade of First Regiment, N. H. N. G.—The last, if not the only regimental parade held in Derry.

1902—New primary department opened at the East Side school, Derry.

**10—Friday**

1880—Baptist church organized. Rev. A. H. Stowell, first minister.

**11—Saturday**

1738—Settlement of the John Goffe, Jr., land claim in favor of claimant on condition of return of a prior claim.

**12—Sunday—Columbus Day**

1737—Petition to General Assembly to establish the West Parish.

**13—Monday**

1902—Opening the new primary department at West Side school, Derry.

**14—Tuesday**

1720—Town committee empowered to lay out highways by order of Governor Wentworth.

1890—Loyalty Commandery, No. 7, Order of Safety, instituted.

**15—Wednesday**

1757—Rev. Joseph McKeen, D. D., born grandson of James McKeen, Esq., one of the company by whom the town was settled, and its first moderator.

**16—Thursday****17—Friday**

1882—Comet observations.

**18—Saturday**

1737—Early public bequest. Voted: That the Archibald MacPheadris bequest be used to repair the old meeting house.

**19—Sunday**

1798—Public fair day voted.

1908—Derry Poultry Association formed.

**20—Monday**

1719—Deed of Nutfield signed by John Wheelwright.

1892—Celebration by the public schools of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus.



*October 20—Continued.*

- 1905—First issue of The Derry Enterprise, a weekly newspaper, published by Rosecrans W. Pillsbury, now issued by the News-Enterprise Co., E. P. Trowbridge, publisher.
- 21—Tuesday  
1901—First session of school in the new (present) District No. 2 school building.
- 22—Wednesday  
1886—Philomathean Society formed at Pinkerton Academy.
- 23—Thursday  
1723—Double Range road, north of West running brook, laid out.  
1730—Col. William Gregg (Revolutionary War) grandson of Capt. James Gregg, emigrant, born.
- 24—Friday  
1726—Voted to form the land into Ranges; also roads to be laid out to surrounding towns.
- 25—Saturday  
1727—Committee appointed to defend the charter rights of the town.
- 26—Sunday  
1747—Reversed charges—"Cost of repairing the bridge at Benjamin Wilson's mill (Kendall's) to be incurred by the surveyors."
- 27—Monday  
1894—Molly Reid Chapter, D. A. R., organized.
- 28—Tuesday  
1728—(Grant.) Ninety-two acres of land in Windham to Rev. James MacGregor.
- 29—Wednesday  
1729—Severe earthquake.
- 30—Thursday  
1733—Action at public meeting in regard to the expense of calling and ordaining the Rev. Thomas Thomson, and stipulations of deed of land to same.
- 31—Friday  
1783—(State.) Constitution of New Hampshire adopted; in effect June, 1784. (See Sept. 5 and Feb. 8.)  
1885—Police regulations adopted.



THE COL. LANE HOUSE

Gen. Lafayette was entertained at this house by Gen. Elias H. Derby, Sept. 1, 1824



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- 1—**Saturday**  
1881—(Universal). Aventine-Italaian, prophet of the 14th century, predicted the end of the world would come Nov. 14, 1881, and that evidence would begin to appear Nov. 1 of the same year, when "the ocean would overflow its shores."
- 2—**Sunday**  
1721—Second marriage in Nutfield—John Barnett and Joan Seaford.
- 3—**Monday**
- 4—**Tuesday**  
1909—Derry Realty Association shoe factory dedicated.
- 5—**Wednesday**  
1897—Odd Fellows block burned.  
1908—Derry Board of Trade organized.
- 6—**Thursday**  
1723—Aiken's Range and Eayers Range roads laid out.  
1888—Will of Harriet Taylor for the Taylor library accepted.  
1905—Nutfield Savings bank organized.
- 7—**Friday**  
1882—Town voted to purchase fire apparatus.  
1893—Caleb Colby mill burned.
- 8—**Saturday**  
1722—First fair appointed in the charter of Londonderry.  
1911—James Pinkerton (Greeley) place burned.
- 9—**Sunday**  
1719—The first town meeting, and the first moderator, James MacKeen, and the first town clerk, John Goffe, elected or appointed.  
1908—First session of evening school.
- 10—**Monday**  
1758—Matthew Thornton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, elected representative to General Assembly from Londonderry and Windham.  
1902—Houston place, Derry Peak, burned, occupied by Theodore Clark.

- 11—**Tuesday**  
1917—Dedication of the Catholic church (St. Thomas Aquinas). Destroyed by fire and rebuilt.  
1918—Parade, celebrating armistice with Germany.
- 12—**Wednesday**  
1792—First Presidential election (Washington).
- 13—**Thursday**  
1833—Falling of the stars.  
1849—Manchester and Lawrence Railway opened.  
1909—First fatal automobile accident.
- 14—**Friday**  
1726—Third division of land in Londonderry.  
1918—New England Fibre Mills burned.
- 15—**Saturday**  
1888—500th regular session of Oldfellowship celebrated, at Bell's opera house, site of present Knights of Pythias building.
- 16—**Sunday**
- 17—**Monday**  
1723—Chester road laid out.  
1754—Matthew Thornton died.  
1880—Baptist church re-organized.  
1883—Derry Brass Band organized.
- 18—**Tuesday**  
1728—Voted that the selectmen take a bond of £30 of Capt. Cargill to keep up the fulling mill for the use of the town forever.  
1755—"On tuesday, nobr ye 18th, 1775, a foure a'clock in the morning and ten minutes, there was an Extrornary Shock of An Earthquake, and continous afterwards with smaller shocks."—Annoted by Moses Barnet, Londonderry, Proprietor's Clerk.—During this earthquake over 100 chimneys were razed in Boston.
- 19—**Wednesday**  
1778—Tory estates confiscated.
- 20—**Thursday**  
1719—First board of selectmen (committee) elected.—David Cargill, James MacKeen, James Gregg, Robert Weir, John Morrison, Samuel Graves, John Goffe.
- 21—**Friday**  
1721—(Settlement). Committee agree to lay off (because of deficiency) land to John Morrison eastward of Beaver pond.



- 22—**Saturday**  
1778—Estate of Samuel Clark, Annexed to Windham.  
1782—Line between Londonderry and Windham established by Courts.
- 23—**Sunday**  
1909—E. P. Trowbridge house burned.
- 24—**Monday**  
1893—Mrs. Lydia Graves buildings burned.
- 25—**Tuesday**  
1900—Damage by ice, storm and winds.
- 26—**Wednesday**  
1776—Petition to General Courts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire on depreciation of the currency. Convention held at Dracut, Samuel Fisher, representative from Londonderry.
- 27—**Thursday—Thanksgiving Day**  
1823—Town voted to put stoves in the First church. The first instance of heating a church building in the town.
- 28—**Friday**  
1775—First Provincial tax under the authority of Congress.  
1889—St. Thomas Aquinas church (Catholic), the first building, dedicated. Rev. W. J. O'Connor, first pastor.
- 29—**Saturday**  
1725—Voted to have the town charter recorded.
- 30—**Sunday**  
1883—Re-dedication of the First M. E. church.



The Meadow

**1—Monday**

1735—Vote taken to divide Londonderry into two parishes opposed by a large minority. Decision withheld on petition.

1815—Beginning the service of Samuel Burnham, first preceptor of Pinkerton Academy.

1870—Beginning the shoe manufacturing business of Col. W. S. Pillsbury.

**2—Tuesday**

1776—Taxes were collected "In the name of the Government and people of this State."

1918—Sylvanus F. R. Gage place, Hubbard district, burned.

**3—Wednesday**

1880—First newspaper, The Derry News, issued weekly, Charles Bartlett publisher. Now published by E. P. Trowbridge.

NOTE—The Derry News was the first regularly published newspaper. The "Londonderry Times" in the '60s by Isaiah Thomas on Dook's Plains, east of the present railway station. It was issued on annual fair days and special occasions.

**4—Thursday****5—Friday**

1908—The Head place, occupied by Charles Noyes, burned.

**6—Saturday**

1729—(Warrant). Article calling for a second grist-mill.

**7—Sunday**

1907—Derry & Manchester Electric Street railway opened.

**8—Monday****9—Tuesday**

1894—Sunday School Union formed.

**10—Wednesday**



**11—Thursday**

1719—First observance of the aurora in New Hampshire. There is no record of a special observation being made in Nutfield, but the phenomenon was generally noticed by people throughout this region.

1884—Odd Fellows block (first building) dedicated.

1910—The Benjamin Chase Co. shops burned, including the old sawmill which stood near the site of the first sawmill in Londonderry. This was the second destructive fire of the Chase Co.

**12—Friday**

1734—(Settlement). Robert Armstrong land grant on Golding brook, Windham.

**13—Saturday**

1899—Bequest of Benjamin Adams for a memorial building.

**14—Sunday**

1736—(Settlement.) Col. Thomas Westbrook land grant, Buckhide meadow, Windham.

1799—(National.) Death of George Washington.

**15—Monday**

1787—Uniform date for town meetings throughout the State determined by Act of Legislature, the last Wednesday in March. In 1804 it was changed to the second Tuesday of the same month.

**16—Tuesday**

1889—Ivanhoe Temple, Rathbone Sisters, instituted.

**17—Wednesday**

1776—(Appointment.) Committee of Instruction to delegates to the State Assembly.

**18—Thursday**

1896—William J. Fuller buildings burned.

**19—Friday**

1896—William J. Fuller house burned; near Hubbard station.

1909—Derry Nest of Owls instituted.

**20—Saturday**

1886—Rockingham Lodge, No. 29, K. of P., instituted.

**21—Sunday—First day of winter**

1900—First publicity about efficient fire alarm system.

- 22—**Monday**  
1759—Petition to regulate fisheries at Amoskeag Falls.
- 23—**Tuesday**  
1727—On motion of James McKeen, Esq., House of Representatives exempted Londonderry for one year from school penalties of £20 for each six months neglect to furnish a school for teaching Latin.
- 24—**Wednesday**  
1815—(National.) Treaty of Ghent.
- 25—**Thursday—Christmas Day**  
1719—First Town Committee meeting. Business: Agreed that the first twenty settlers or proprietors are to have an extra lot of land to dispose of to others at their discretion, provided an early settlement is made. Provision was made for a sawmill lot.  
1805—Last annexation of Londonderry territory to Windham.
- 26—**Friday**  
1728—Notice of the proprietors' meeting to dispose of the seats in the meeting house.  
1816—The division of New Hampshire into senatorial districts placed Londonderry in the third.
- 27—**Saturday**  
1727—Londonderry exempted from keeping a grammar school for two years beginning March, 1728.  
1882—Hotel Bradford dedicated.
- 28—**Sunday**  
1805—(Legislative.) Towns authorized to divide territory into school districts.  
1908—Pillsbury Camp, Sons of Veterans, instituted.
- 29—**Monday**  
1889—Re-dedication of the First (Central) Congregational Church.
- 30—**Tuesday**  
1803—(Legislative.) An Act requiring towns to submit a survey for a state map. This was the first State map.
- 31—**Wednesday**  
1741—(Prov. Law.) Beginning the first closed season for the protection of deer. Penalty £10.  
1751—End of the Julian (Old Style) calendar.



